

Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Lieutenant or Captain, perform a wide variety of firefighting and related duties during an assigned shift.

Work under the control and supervision of the Lieutenant, Captain and/or Deputy Chief in connection with fighting fires, protecting life and property, performing desk work and maintaining the building quarters and equipment up to established standards of the department.

As assigned, operate the pumper, ladder truck, rescue track and/or ambulance and department vehicles; respond to various types of fires or emergencies; handle hose lines, position hose nozzles, turn on hydrants, and direct streams of water or chemicals to the fire; and position and place aerial and other ladders to gain access to buildings and assist persons from burning structures.

Create necessary openings through doors, walls, windows, and roofs using axes, crowbars, etc; spread waterproof covers to protect property wherever possible; and use special protective clothing and masks as necessary to control and extinguish fires under difficult circumstances.

Administer first aid and artificial respiration to persons overcome by smoke, heart attacks, drowning, vehicular accidents, etc, using life saving equipment and techniques.

Participate in various drills, courses and demonstrations in latest firefighting techniques, operating fire equipment, maintenance functions and the like; and serve at the desk in answering calls, keeping daily logs, and performing watch room duties.

Participate in annual testing of fire hoses, serve as fire alarm control dispatcher and perform routine maintenance duties around the fire station and on apparatus and equipment; check and maintain property in clean, orderly and operating condition; and check with superior officer on duty assignments or changes.

May perform fire inspections on a wide variety of buildings and equipment such as oil burners for potential fire hazards and compliance with fire ordinances.

Maintain necessary records; move materials as necessary in performance of duties as directed; detect and report improper operation, faulty equipment, defective materials and unusual conditions to proper supervisor.

Follow prescribed safety rules and regulations; function as an EMT, Scuba Team member, or First Responder; trained in handling hazardous materials; and perform other related duties as required or directed.

Basic Knowledge:

Duties involve a wide range of firefighting functions, equivalent to high school education plus fire service courses; must have applicable Massachusetts drivers license.

Experience:

Up to three years experience.

Independent Action:

Perform firefighting duties and assignments under the control and supervision of a superior officer. Refer all unusual problems, conditions or situations to Lieutenant, Captain or Deputy Chief.

Supervisory Responsibility:

None

Physical and Environmental Standards:

Governed by Massachusetts Law.

FIREFIGHTER